2024 Peer Helper Volunteer Application

## Please answer every question and print clearly. Applications must be submitted by email or in person to simon.schachner@viu.ca by 1pm on Monday, February 5th, 2024.

## Important Information:

## It is preferred that Peer Helpers have one year of experience as a student at VIU however one semester of experience is the minimum requirement. As a Peer Helper you should be available for the full academic year (Spring and Fall 2024 and January 2025). There will be a pause in activity over the summer. The main volunteer responsibility of a Peer Helper is to be available to support the various ESL orientation and welcome events that take place approximately every six weeks throughout the year. The secondary responsibility is to support regular and special on-campus events such as Culture Couch and WorldVIU Days.

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| Applicant Information |
| **First Name:** |  | **Family Name:** |  |
| **Name used in Canada:**(if different from above) |  | **Student Number:** |  |
| **Phone Number:** |  | **Email Address:** |  |
| **Citizenship:** |  | **Language(s):**(other than English) |  |
| **Program you are currently enrolled in:**  |  | **Current Year of Study:** (or ESL Level) |  |
| **Have you been a Peer Helper in the past?** | Yes [ ]  No [ ]  |  |  |
| If yes, when did you last volunteer as a Peer Helper? |  |
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| Questionnaire |
| 1. **How did you hear about the Peer Helper program? If someone referred you to apply, please note their name here.**

1. **What are some qualities you would consider important for someone in a Peer Helper role?**
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| 1. **Why are you interested in becoming a Peer Helper? If you are a returning Peer Helper please explain why would you like to continue for another volunteer term.**
2. **What previous work, education, volunteer and/or life experience do you have that might help you support new international students at VIU?**
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| **Commitment** |
| Please confirm your commitment for the following:1. I am available for the full volunteer term (Spring and Fall 2024 and January 2025):

Yes[ ]  No[ ] 1. I understand that Peer Helper training sessions may take place in the early evening. Yes[ ]  No[ ]
2. I agree to contribute a minimum of 30 hours of volunteer service over the 11-month term.

Yes[ ]  No[ ] 1. I agree to attend at least 2 student leadership and/or intercultural knowledge and awareness workshops offered to Peer Helpers.

Yes[ ]  No[ ]  |
| Name | Date | Signature |

Thank you for your interest in the Peer Helper Program. All candidates will be contacted by email by mid-February 2024. The first meeting will take place February 21st, 2024.